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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SADAT COMMENTS ON SOVIET ARMS SALES TO LIBYA

1. DEPT WILL HAVE READ, MARKED AND DIGESTED SADAT'S COMMENTS ON SOVIET ARMS SALES TO LIBYA. SADAT REPEATS EARLIER CLAIM IN THE EGYPTIAN PRESS THAT AMOUNT IS US\$12 BILLION AND THAT BASES ARE INVOLVED. WE ARE SCEPTICAL ON BOTH COUNTS. \$12 BILLION IS THREE YEARS WORTH OF OIL REVENUES, OBVIOUSLY OUT OF THE QUESTION UNLESS DEAL IS SPREAD OVER TWENTY YEARS OR SO. BOTH LIBYANS AND SOVIETS HAVE DENIED THAT SOVIETS WILL GET BASES. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THERE WAS NO NEW ARMS AGREEMENT REACHED DURING KOSYGIN VISIT. A LARGE SOVIET PRESENCE WOULD BE MASSIVELY UNPOPULAR HERE, AND MANY LIBYANS ARE ALREADY SCARED TO DEATH THAT QADHAFI IS SELLING THEM DOWN THE RIVER TO THE GODLESS COMMUNISTS.

2. NEVERTHELESS, AS WE HAVE REPORTED, IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET ARMS SALES TO LIBYA ARE VERY FAR-REACHING AND A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET MOTIVES SEEMS TO US TO BE  
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